Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, October 11, 2024

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, (12); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **23-0652-S5**

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Homelessness Emergency Declaration 2024-25 First Quarterly Report.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated September 12, 2024, attached to Council file No. 23-0652-S5, relative to the Homelessness Emergency Declaration 2024-25 First Quarterly Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: Rodriguez (1); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

(2) **20-0841-S44**

CD 14

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an update on the L.A. Grand Hotel Demobilization Plan.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Angeles Homeless Services Authority reports dated June 19, 2024, June 26, 2024, and July 11, 2024, attached to Council file No. 20-0841-S44, relative to an update on the L.A. Grand Hotel Demobilization Plan.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not Applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

(3) **20-0841-S48**

CD 14

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to financial projections associated with the demobilization of the L.A. Grand Hotel and the opening of the Mayfair Hotel.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Angeles Homeless Services Authority report dated April 11, 2024, attached to Council file No. 20-0841-S48, relative to financial projections associated with the demobilization of the L.A. Grand Hotel and the opening of the Mayfair Hotel.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

(4) **24-1050**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the annual financial status report for the Healthy Alternative to Smoking (HATS) Fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the August 30, 2024 Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Steering Committee report dated August 30, 2024, attached to the Council file, relative to the annual financial status of the HATS Fund for FY 2023-24.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

(5) **17-1115-S1 CD 4**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.36.1 and tour bus operations in the Hollywood Hills.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the December 18, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners report relative to enforcement of LAMC Section 80.36.1 and tour bus

operations in the Hollywood Hills, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

(6) **24-1200-S50**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Nicole Chase to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Nicole Chase to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2026, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. The appointee resides in Council District Seven. (Current composition: M=2; F=2; Vacant=1)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 18, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 15, 2024)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Raman, Yaroslavsky (3)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Lee, Park, Rodriguez (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting recessed: 12:54 p.m. Special Meeting convened: 12:54 p.m. Special Meeting adjourned: 1:12 p.m. Regular Meeting convened: 1:12 p.m.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

| MOVED BY | SECONDED BY | NAME | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| McOsker | Rodriguez | Detective Michael P. Villareal | |
| Rodriguez | McOsker | Camp Emerald Bay 100 th | |
| _ | | Anniversary | |
| Hutt | Harris-Dawson | Crenshaw Juice Co. | |
| McOsker | Hutt | Holy Trinity Church | |
| McOsker | Krekorian | Los Angeles Nagoya Sister | |
| | | City and Sister Port 65 th | |
| | | Anniversary | |

The General City Purposes (GCP) portion of the 2024-2025 City Budget provides funds for neighborhood service enhancements in each Council District.

There is a great need for additional police services within Council District 12. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD12 and deserves financial assistance from the City. Sufficient funds are available in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item in the GCP portion of the 2024-2025 City Budget for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council adopt the following actions:

- 1. Transfer / appropriate \$50,000 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, to the Police Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 1092 (Overtime Police Officers) to be used for additional police services within Topanga Division, Council District 12.
- 2. Authorize the Police Department to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections I clarifications I changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY

IOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED B

I MOVE that the City Clerk be directed and authorized to extend the term of City Contract C-140023 with Special Service for Groups, Inc. for homeless programs in Watts for an additional two years from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT RESOLUTION UNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Earth faces a global extinction crisis never before witnessed by humankind, with scientists predicting that more than 1 million species are in extreme danger of extinction in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, California has the most imperiled biodiversity of any state in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, both President Biden and Governor Newsom have launched initiatives to protect 30% of natural areas by 2030 as recommended by scientists to better protect against these possible mass extinctions; and

WHEREAS, LA County is one of the most park-poor, densely-populated and polluted areas in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City is working to increase climate resilience and improve its relationship to the natural world by protecting and enhancing its biodiversity through the creation of its City Index and wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, parks and public lands serve an essential role in preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, protecting clean water and clean air, and providing access to nature and an essential connection-for people of all ages and abilities to the life-enhancing benefits of nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, National Recreation Areas are protected areas in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources, including forests and reservoirs near urban areas; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress, are several bills, the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act (<u>H.R. 3681</u>), the PUBLIC Lands Act (<u>S.1776</u>), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (<u>H.R.5881</u>); and

WHEREAS, together, the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act and the PUBLIC Lands Act, would set forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands throughout California, as well as in the Los Angeles area, would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 109,000 acres to include the western Angeles National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act would <u>expand the boundary</u> of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by roughly 118,000 acres, increasing public land access for 47% of Californians who live within two hours of this area, many in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the City should support these bills inasmuch as they seek to increase protections of federal public lands throughout the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; and by expanding their respective boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the approval of these bills would help meet President Biden and Governor Newsom's vital 30x30 goals and complement the City's biodiversity protection and wildlife habitat connectivity initiatives;

WHEREAS, Council has already approved a resolution (<u>CF 22-0002-S98</u>) in support of prior versions of the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act (previously named the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act), the PUBLIC Lands Act, and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, all introduced in the 117th Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2024-2025 Federal Legislative Program support of the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act (H.R. 3681), the PUBLIC Lands Act (S. 1776), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.5881), which would increase protections of federal lands and expand their respective boundaries in the Los Angeles region thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits for all Angelenos.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

PRESENTED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

PRESENTED BY:

KATY YAROSLAVSKY

Councilmember, 5th District

PRESENTED BY

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilmember, 7th District

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SECONDED BY:

JOHN LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY

KEVIN DE LEON

Councilmember, 14th District

On August 26, 2024, around 1:45am, an unknown individual accessed a gated section of El Pueblo Parking Lot 2 near the intersection of North Main Street and Paseo Luis Olivares. This section of Lot 2 includes a one-story building with an office, bathrooms and a storage shed. This unknown individual then started a fire in the storage shed, which completely destroyed the shed and damaged the building's exterior, as well as the building's electrical system. As a result, the entire El Pueblo Lot 2 has been without electricity and lighting. The site is hazardous for City staff, and repairs are needed to make the lot safe for staff and visitors. The City Administrative Officer has identified MICLA funding that could be reauthorized and reprogrammed for these repairs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council reauthorize and reprogram \$228,467 in prior MICLA funding and transfer / appropriate those funds to the Department of General Services to make needed improvements at El Pueblo's Parking Lot 2 as follows:

FROM:

| Fund 298-50 298-40 298-50 | Account 50STA2 40P178 50PTPW | Name Asphalt Plant II Facility Safety Imp Public Works – Engineering LAPD Property Warehouse | provements | Amount \$70,000.78 \$135,851.72 \$22,614.50 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| TO: 30 | | | TOTAL | \$228,467 |
| 1 0. | | | | |
| <u>Fund</u> | Account | <u>Name</u> | | <u>Amount</u> |
| 100-40 | 001101 | Hiring Hall Construction | | \$95,988 |
| 100-40 | 001121 | Benefits Hiring Hall Construction | | \$41,139 |
| 100-40 | 003180 | Construction Materials | | \$91,340 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$228,467 |

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed and authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED MOTION

New Economics for Women (NEW) is a California-based non-profit founded in 1985. NEW's mission is to build economic mobility, particularly for Latinas and their families, through wealth creation, housing, education, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement.

During the 1960s, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) purchased a number of properties throughout Pasadena, South Pasadena, and the El Sereno community of Los Angeles for use in a planned extension of the I-710 freeway. The freeway was never built, and Caltrans terminated the project in 2018. Caltrans is required to sell the properties pursuant to Senate Bill 51 (Durazo). NEW was awarded the first right to purchase four El Sereno properties from Caltrans.

NEW has proposed a project entitled "Hogar Propio," meaning "Their Own Home." The project will create 31 units of affordable housing on the sites acquired from Caltrans. The development will include both rehabilitated homes and new construction to provide long-term affordable rental properties that NEW will own and operate. The proposed project will expand housing opportunities for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who have experienced homelessness. These individuals and their children often face difficult situations that compromise their safety and well-being, forcing them to choose between a roof over their heads and their overall security. "Hogar Propio" will provide safe, stable, and permanent housing for those in need.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to:

- 1. Effectuate a transfer of \$403,387 from the CD 14 Public Benefits Trust Fund Affordable Housing Subaccount (Fund 57L) to New Economics for Women for the acquisition of four properties from the California Department of Transportation for the Hogar Propio project (Project).
- 2. Obligate funds for the Project and cause these funds to be transferred, as follows:

| Fund | Account | Name | Amount | |
|--------|---------|--|-----------|--|
| 57L/14 | 14V314 | CD 14 Public Benefits Trust Fund – Affordable Housing | \$401,387 | |

TO:

| Func | Account | Name | Amount |
|------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 44G | 43AD37 | CD14 New Economics for Women | \$401,387 |

3. Authorize the LAHD General Manager, or designee, to draft, negotiate, and execute loan documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, and make any technical corrections to the fund transfer instructions, as necessary, to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Controller be authorized to transfer appropriations as described in this Motion, implement the instructions, and expend funds upon receipt of proper demand by the LAHD General Manager, or designee.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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I MOVE that \$200,000 in the Council District 2 portion of the Neighborhood Services Enhancements line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be transferred/appropriated to a new Account in the Transportation Trust Fund No. 840-94 entitled "CD 2 Speed Hump and Speed Table Program" for speed humps and speed tables in various locations in Council District 2 as determined by the Transportation Department working with Council District 2 to select street segments for this program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Transportation Department be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

I MOVE that the Council Actions of December 13, 2023 (C.F. 23-1389) and July 2, 2024 (C.F. 24-0773) relative to funding for a contract with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for services to unhoused residents served by A Bridge Home Riverside Ambassadors Program BE RESCINDED and that the funds be reverted to their original source.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$37,882 be transferred / appropriated within the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 from the Council Community Projects line item designated for 'Multi-Disciplinary Teams – Council District 4' to Account No. 000618 (Additional Homeless Services – Council District 4) for supplemental homeless services in Council District 4.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$42,000 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 000618 (Additional Homeless Services - Council District 4) be utilized for outreach and support services to unhoused residents served at A Bridge Home Riverside in Council District 4, to be provided by the SELAH Neighborhood Coalition for the period from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute any necessary documents with and/or payments to the SELAH Neighborhood Coalition, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:

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Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B.14(a) states that all parks shall have the operating hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. with the exception of the parks listed in LAMC Section Code 63.44 B. 14(c). Parks in this Section close at various times and include parks that open at Sunrise and close at Sunset (Sunrise to Sunset Operating Hours). The operating hours for Branford Park located at 13306 Branford Street in Council District 6 should be changed to have Sunrise to Sunset Operating Hours.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to set the operating hours for Branford Park located at 13306 Branford Street in Council District 6 to open at Sunrise and close at Sunset.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to prominently post the hours at the park listed above.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add the park listed above to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Park Rangers to enforce the new operating hours at the park listed above seven days a week.

PRESENTED BY: Undoler acles

IMELDA PADILLA

Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY



On September 5, 2024, the Chief Legislative Analyst issued a report to the City Council recommending an increase to the City's Living Wage Ordinance (Council File 14-1371-S13) which would achieve, by 2028, a living wage of \$30.00 per hour for workers at hotels in the City of Los Angeles and for workers at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The recommendation was supported by an independent economic analysis conducted by Berkeley Economic Advising and Research (BEAR).

The City Council will now consider CF 14-1371-S13, a motion introduced on April 13, 2023. Before the Council takes action on this important matter, this body must fully explore the implications to the City's economic conditions and, in particular, the General Fund.

Recently, the City Controller expressed his concern of the Council's reliance on the City's Reserve Fund. He warned "L.A. is going broke" as it continues to dip into the Reserve Fund to balance the City's fiscal deficit.

The CEO of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) recently announced the discontinuation of two major LAX construction projects – Concourse 0 and Terminal 9 – because passenger levels at LAX don't merit the investment at this time. In fact, passenger levels are still 15% below pre-pandemic numbers which takes a significant toll on our retail and food/beverage concessionaires; many of them small local businesses who are struggling to survive at the airport.

LA Tourism has released statistics showing occupancy at Los Angeles hotels below projections. The City's hotel industry, from large hotel chains to small family-owned establishments, are struggling to keep up with tourism trends and recently adopted City ordinances, which have increased their costs. A decrease in room occupancy will have a direct effect on the collection of Transient Occupancy Tax, which adversely impacts our City's General Fund.

Before the Council considers a significant increase to the Living Wage Ordinance - an act which would incur large and concerning expenses for our City's businesses - it should proceed thoughtfully and with all available facts and data.

I THEREFORE MOVE the Council request the City Administrative Officer, in consultation with LAWA, LA Tourism, and other pertinent City departments, to report within 30 days on the economic impact of adopting the CLA's recommendation to the Living Wage on LAX businesses and the City's Hotel Industry.

I FURTHER MOVE the CAO report should include the potential impact to the City's General Fund, and in particular how it may affect the Transient Occupancy Tax.

PRESENTED BY

JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY

Through a collaboration with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Council District 7, on April 30, 2024, the Office of the CAO submitted an application for an Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) grant to the State of California.

On September 27, 2024, Council District 7 was notified that their proposal, which focused on housing and services for people experiencing Recreational Vehicle (RV) homelessness in the community of Pacoima had been selected by the State and Council District 7 will receive \$5,041,400.16 for the effort.

Council District 7 will expend no less than 50 percent of program funds by June 30, 2025, and 100 percent of program funds by no later than June 30, 2027. The CAO is anticipating receiving the State funds soon and needs authority to accept and deposit them prior to programming the funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

- 1. Execute any necessary documents to accept the Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) funding on behalf of Council District 7; and
- 2. Be the designated grant administrator for the ERF.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Controller to establish a new Special Fund, entitled "Encampment Resolution Fund Grant - San Fernando Osborne" within Department 10, to receive and disburse the ERF funds.

PRESENTED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

The General Services Department (GSD) Standards Laboratory provides all City agencies a complete range of materials testing services in the fields of design, construction and environmental protection using state-of-the-art procedures and equipment. This operation is certified by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory; the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program; the California Department of Transportation Independent Assurance Program; and the City's Department of Building and Safety. It is one of very few entities in the State capable of performing asphalt pavement testing and structural design, Portland cement concrete testing, asphalt binder characterization and testing, soil compaction testing and classification, reinforced steel testing, groundwater testing, and much more.

The technical nature of this work has historically presented hiring challenges and high turnover once employees are fully trained. To ensure dedicated, sustainable personnel with expertise to support the demand, GSD developed a materials testing "on-the-job" training program.

The program, which will have a pilot class in Fiscal Year 2024-25, will include 12 to 18 months of training and classroom instruction to prepare Student Workers, As-Needed Student Professional Workers and Interns for a Materials Testing Technician position in the City. Upon program completion, participants will be issued a certificate that would meet the minimum qualifications for a Materials Testing Technician position.

The program is proposed to be funded through lab testing fees charged by GSD for services provided to the Department of Airports, Harbor, and Department of Water and Power. Additional authority is required to appropriate the funds to GSD's expenditure accounts to support the program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the General Services Department (GSD) to transfer up to 5 percent of the funds collected in the Standards Lab Testing Revenue Fund 004227 to the following accounts: GSD Fund No. 100/40, Salaries, General Account No. 001010; Overtime General Account No. 001090; Salaries, As-Needed Account No. 001070; Office and Administrative Account No. 006010; and Operating Supplies Account No. 006020 to facilitate a pilot program to recruit and train a pool of candidates for the Materials Testing Technician classification.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Personnel Department to review GSD's materials testing certification program as the basis for selective certification for Materials Testing Technician positions and report to Council on its findings.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY

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Pursuant to provisions in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the Department of Building and Safety Board of Commissioners (BBSC) is responsible for reviewing and approving soil import or export operations when the amount of soil imported or exported from a construction site exceeds 1,000 cubic yards in designated Hillside areas in the City of Los Angeles. The purpose of the BBSC's role is to review a haul route to be followed by the soil-carrying trucks when they are empty as well as when they are loaded, and in considering the approval of the proposed haul route, determine whether the hauling operation will endanger the public health, safety and welfare.

Prior to the hearing by the BBSC, the permit applicant submits a description of the hauling operations with information such as the proposed haul route, amount of soil being moved out of or into a site, types of trucks to be used, staging areas and length of time of the hauling operations.

The Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) refers proposed hauling operations to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to evaluate the effect of the proposed hauling operation on the structural integrity of the streets, on public safety due to street alignment, width and grade, and on public health and welfare due to noise and vibration.

The proposed hauling operation is also referred to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to determine the effect on vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the affected area and any need for traffic control measures. DPW and DOT issue their recommendations to the BBSC Board as draft conditions of approval.

The BBSC hearings and the public's feedback primarily concern the effect on the public caused by the movement of the dirt on city streets. However, the BBSC and LADBS have jurisdiction and expertise over development on private property, not the public right of way. As a result, the BBSC and the LADBS staff spend a great deal of time and resources on haul routes when that time could instead be focused on issues relevant to LADBS on private property that are of high priority to public safety, that have an impact on communities and well-being of the public.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation, and in conjunction with the office of the City Attorney, prepare a report within 60 days on alternative discretionary processes for haul routes, maintaining a standard of review that ensures that haul routes are carried out with due consideration to the public's safety, health and welfare, including the scope of any necessary amendments to the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code.

PRESENTED BY

JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is dedicated to ameliorating the homelessness and affordable housing crisis that impacts many Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, housing crisis funding and mitigation efforts must be coordinated and addressed at a regional level with a reliable stream of County funding to ensure housing stability for the City's most vulnerable constituents; and

WHEREAS, Measure A, the "Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance," which is on the November 2024 ballot, would repeal the existing Measure H sales tax, and replace it with an increased half-cent sales tax to fund a variety of homelessness services and affordable housing efforts; and

WHEREAS, Measure A funds would accelerate and increase affordable housing availability, support home ownership, provide rental assistance, reduce and prevent homelessness, offer free legal services to renters facing eviction, increase mental health and addiction treatment, provide services for children, families, veterans, domestic violence survivors, seniors, and disabled people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Measure A would raise approximately \$1 billion annually to help address one of the County and City's most pressing issues; and

WHEREAS, Measure A would ensure a guaranteed stream of annual funding for homelessness services indefinitely unless voters decide to change it; and

WHEREAS, Measure A includes provisions to improve oversight of this measure, including an executive committee of elected officials from various cities who would evaluate the progress of this initiative; and

WHEREAS, Measure A will provide supportive services and housing that are crucial to tens of thousands of Angelenos, and experts predict that if the measure does not pass, homelessness may increase by 25 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of Los Angeles hereby SUPPORTS Measure A, which would repeal the Measure H tax and institute a half-cent sales tax, subject to voter approval, to fund and accelerate the construction of affordable housing units, as well as critically important efforts to address homelessness.

PRESENTED BY:

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ

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